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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Alex P. Rada

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/15/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moody (US 6,368,212).

Regarding claims 1 and 3, Moody discloses a five card keno comprising of a separate wager made on the poker game (col. 4, lines 1-11; where a player's wager is allocated to the poker hand portion of the game); a separate wager made on the card keno game (col. 4, lines 1-11; where a player's wager for the card keno game is the matching portion of the game of Moody); providing the means for the player to select and mark up to five cards from a displayed field of the entire deck of cards used in the poker game (col. 4, lines 21-32; where a player makes a selects five cards using a light pen or touch screen); dealing five cards out for the poker game (col. 4, lines 33-44; and awarding credits on the card keno game according to pre-established pay table based on the amount

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wager, the number of cards marked and the number of cards that were actually dealt out (col. 5, lines 27-55; where the awards based on the number of matched cards for the matching game is shown in table 2); and awarding credits according to pre-established pay table if the player has accurately predicted the card or cards dealt out to replace the discard discards (Table 1; where a table is shown for the poker hand ranking).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moody (US 6,368,212) in further view of Suan (US 6,149,157).

Regarding claim 2, Moody further discloses the player making a wager on the card keno game (col. 4, lines 1-11; where a player's wager for the card keno game is the matching portion of the game of Moody) and the claimed invention as discussed above but is silent with regards to the player selecting the cards to be discarded in the poker game; and the player selecting from the displayed field of cards the card or cards predicted to replace the discards and awarding credits according to a pre-established pay table.

Suan teaches a video poker game which allows the player to pick the cards to form a poker hand. All of the playing cards are lying face down. The player picks and turns over a predetermined number of cards to form an initial poker hand. The player then determines which of the selected

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cards to hold and if one or more of the selected playing cards are discarded, the player selects and turns over replacement playing cards from the remainder of the playing cards which are lying face down and evaluating the final poker for an award. By having a player selecting the cards to be discarded and the player selecting the replaced cards, one of ordinary skill in the art would provide a new poker game, which allows the player to be more interactive during play of the game.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Moody to include the player selecting the cards to be discarded in the poker game; and the player selecting from the displayed field of cards the card or cards predicted to replace the discards and awarding credits according to a pre-established pay table as taught by Suan to provide a new poker game, which allows the player to be more interactive during play of the game.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alex P. Rada whose telephone number is 571-272-4452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 08:00-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hotaling can be reached on 571-272-4437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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